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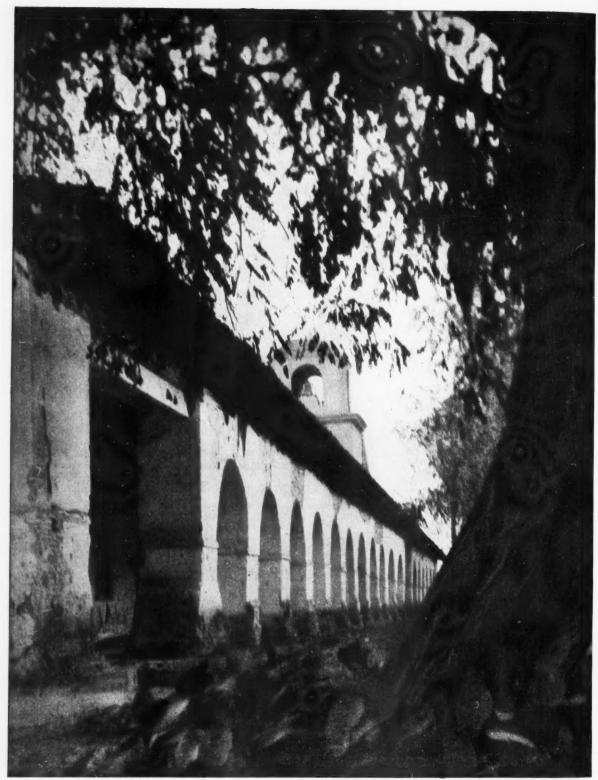
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The Cloister at San Juan Bautista

This is a photograph of an old Franciscan mission which has recently been taken over by Maryknoll. See page 241



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SEPTEMBER, 1928



SANCIAN ISLAND DIARY

This diary was begun in our last issue by Rev. C. J. Burns, a Maryknoll priest who left the United States in 1924 and two years later was appointed pastor on Sancian Island, the historic site of St. Francis Xavier's death. Fr. Burns has faced many difficulties but he is hopeful that this island, honored once by the body of the Saint, may yet bring forth Christians worthy of the name.

Sancian Island has become well known as the scene of St. Francis Xavier's death. The great missioner landed here in the hope of getting to the mainland but died before he could attain his holy ambition. The island has always attracted pirates and has been an unyielding soil for the Word of God. Two Maryknoll priests are now on the island bravely combating difficult conditions which one of them, Fr. Constantine Burns, has chronicled for the Maryknoll records.

January

WE announced the opening of a school to take place after the Chinese New Year, and let it be known that the teacher would be a young man from Canton. We could not hire the former teacher, as he had married outside the Church and had caused many others to follow his example. The announcement brought a storm of protest. The people did not want a teacher who could teach nothing but Catechism. As a matter of fact, they wanted a man who would not teach it at all. They got him and they opened their own school at a considerable expense. On the day our mission school was scheduled to open, my teacher and I stood at the gate and watched the boys file past on their way to school-somewhere else. Mine was a fine language teacher, however, and I made good use of him. He later became a most valuable catechist and won his way into the hearts of many.

February

The Chinese lunar year has just come to an end. There is much more importance attached to this season over here than to the New Year in Western countries. The time to usher out the old and usher in the new is perhaps

the biggest time of the year in Chinese life. But alas, there is a religious significance connected with it which is quite difficult to pry loose. We have no quarrels with religious observances in themselves, but both the means and the end in this case are superstitious. We tried to inject a Christian spirit into the celebration among our own people by urging them to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments on New Year's Day; a few came, less than a hundred in all. It was certainly sad to see the prevalence of incense burning, and the use of superstitious sentences over the doorposts, A little leaven remained. A few homes had courage to display invocations to God, to Our Lord, and to the Holy Spirit.

One particularly regrettable incident occurred at this time. It was the public and deliberate apostasy of a former catechist. A Buddhist priest performed all the accompanying ceremonies of placating the devil.

We had hardly recovered from this affair when another individual returned from Canton with his wife. Both were steeped in Bolshevism and anti-Christianity (if it is necessary to make the addition). The woman's first act, when she put her foot on the beach across from our house, was to raise her fist in defiance of the Church and denounce in bitter terms the religion of the foreigners. This man had been befriended by Fr. Thomas and sent to Canton to learn medicine, where he spent some time in the French Hospital as an interne. Behold his gratitude!

The lot of the blind and crippled is a hard one in China. To be sure. there are some institutions to care for them, but they are scattered and utterly inadequate to handle the numbers. A case came to light today-a blind, wasted creature who had been turned out of her home for many reasons, the main one being that she was useless and a burden. She had taken refuge in an outhouse belonging to one of our station chapels, and we found her on the bare ground, covered with dirty rags, and bemoaning her lack of strength to hang herself. We interviewed her parents and obtained their consent to bring her to the mission where we might care for her. They were delighted and offered no objection. This somewhat surprised us, but they subsequently cleared our doubts by complaining that we did not give her a mosquito net or sufficient bedding. And there is a problem for the psycholo-

March

We buried a woman from San Tei this morning. It was quite an affair! There were many mourners and fire-crackers, and a banquet afterwards, all of which was in sombre contrast to the neglect she suffered during the years of her senility. This was our first funeral, and, of course, a novel experience.

A few days later there was another funeral in the church, though, to tell the truth, that phase of it depended on the dying wish of the man. His daugh-

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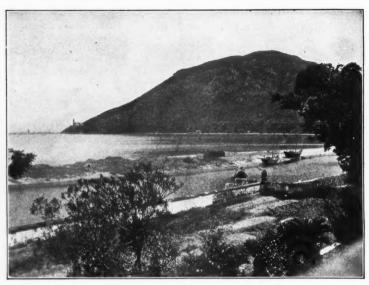
ter had some trouble with our cook two or three years ago, and this roused the ire of the entire clan-a clan which is not noted for its good disposition toward the Church. As a result, the immediate relatives took a solemn vow that if they ever did call a priest it would not be from the mission. However, they did not count on the influence of God's grace and the faith of this man. When he took sick, John Silver came for Bro. John: I went along also. We sized up the case as a serious one. I did not force myself upon him, but, before returning home, I told John Silver that the man should prepare for death and receive the Sacraments. He was not a little surprised to hear this and asked if I would administer the Sacraments. Would I?

He went back and prepared the patient, and I returned in the afternoon with Bro. John. The dying man's older brother learned what was going on and walked into the room during the confession. He had to be shown the door. The relatives insulted us on several later calls, but the man had a good death and was buried from the church. The big brother showed a great deal of courage, for which we liked him, and we later found that he is not a bad sort at all, though he does not come to his duties. Several of the relatives have taken concubines.

There have been several deaths from smallpox recently in Woh Ning, but the people remain obstinate and will have none of us, neither the priest nor the doctor. Perhaps the rapid spread of the disease is due to using live virus for vaccination. They tried one well-known antitoxin—the parade of a heathen idol through the Christian village; when that did not stop the plague, they borrowed another idol from the mainland. They say it calms their troubled hearts. I wonder!

I used to take some satisfaction in the faithfulness of the chosen few who

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THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT SANCIAN

This chapel stands at the mouth of the harbor over what is believed to be the exact spot on which the hut of St. Francis Xavier was placed. The

chapel is in great need of restoration

have been nobly fighting off the devil and shaming the example of the others; it was with a saddened heart, therefore, that I said Mass today. A new low record for Sunday Mass was set. One young man attended,

April

The dispensary is not very busy these days, so Brother took a stroll for himself. He seems to gravitate toward the cemetery since one of his little friends was buried, and he went there today. He was just in time to see one of our Christians breaking the wooden cross over a grave preparatory to exhuming the bones. They say their ancestors are not peaceful and bad luck is abroad; so the bones must be taken up and sealed in a jar with the appropriate burning of incense and red paper, then reinterred where the wind and water are more favorable. This is one time of the year for this sort of thing, and before the end of the month we saw a perfect orgy of superstition in connection with the exhuming of bones. The poor dead! It is little wonder they are not at rest, yet our people cannot seem to understand the real reason

Bro. John was refused admittance to a sick boy today, but was later called to a woman in San Tei. He found her quite low. The family had not been to church in my time. I went down after supper and, after hearing her confession, anointed her. By nine o'clock that night a riotous celebration was begun to drive out the devil and placate the spirit of her dead child. A band and the devil's witch were the chief actors. It was notorious. Two days later the woman died, and, when the people came up to ask me to buy her coffin, they were told she could not even be buried from the church. It was my first refusal of Christian burial, and it came very hard. It was most sad to see the coffin bearers, unattended, slip out of the village and down to the burying grounds.

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May

The St. Francis Xavier dispensary has passed its first birthday, and we can hardly say it has been a success: in fact, it has hardly had enough cases to warrant its existence. Bro. John has been holding on bravely-standing by, we might say-but one does not need a twenty-year medical practice to dispense iodine and quinine. His skill has been called into play only half a dozen times. After all, there are not enough people on Sancian, More than half the population live on the other side of the mountains or at the other end of the island; they seldom, if ever, come up our way. That cuts available patients down to about two thousand. If each one got sick once a month, we would have just half as many cases as Bro. John averaged in Kochow,

June

Pentecost—one of the four big feasts of the year for Chinese Christians! Fr. Farnen crossed the hills to Sai Ngau P'eng to say Mass for anyone who might come or who could be enticed to attend. I remained here at the main chapel. I read the Gospel of woes to about seventy-five men, women and children, telling them of the awful punishment with which Christ threatened those who scandalized His little ones; yes, I denounced the despoilers of souls who are meriting that punishment for themselves by ruining the faith of the children on Sancian. It hurts me; yet, whatever may come of it, God's Will be done! It is a hard fight in one way; in another way it is no fight at all. We are not equipped for such a contest. Our enemies sow more cockle in the field than we can hope to weed out, and their methods are too cunning to fathom. We can guard a corner of the field and treat the cockle with the milk of kindness, but the weeds do not seem to thrive on that. And yet, I often wonder! Fr. Farnen came over late in the morning from his mission trip; I did not have to ask him whether anyone had been at Mass. One cannot experience that sort of thing for the first time and not show it.

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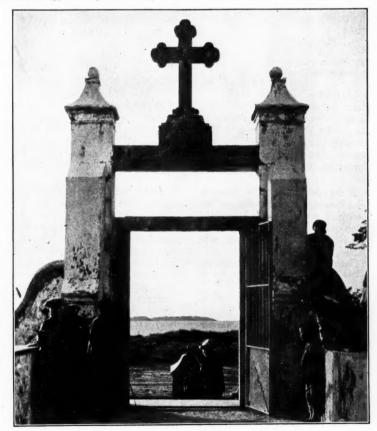
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"The lecture and slides were most interesting; the Sisters and pupils enjoyed them very much. I really believe some of us would be ready to go to China at once, we were so buoyed up."—Presentation Academy, Louisville, Kentucky.

"We thoroughly appreciate the enjoyable evening you have given us in the use of your excellent lecture on Ben Hur. All look forward to another set of views at a future date."—St. Patrick's Unit, West Hoboken, N. J.

"We are returning the lecture on China today, which you so kindly sent to us. The student-body seemed much pleased with it and I am hoping it will help to keep up the enthusiasm with which they have been working since the beginning of Lent in the raising of a \$150.00 fund for the maintenance of a catechist in Father Meyer's Chinese Mission. Prayers and best wishes for a continuance of the wonderful success with which God is blessing the Maryknoll work!"—St. Joseph's Convent, Ottumwa, Jowa.

"The slides added greatly to the arousing of the mission spirit in our members. I thank you ever so much for the kindness on your part in renting these slides in a gratis fashion. Still I know Maryknoll needs help; therefore, please accept this small donation from our Society. I hope and am sure that we shall be able to do much more in the future, when our Branch will get a headway."—St. Adalbert's Rectory, Schenectady, N. Y.



A WEDDING PASSING THE MISSION GATE

The mission chapel is at the foot of the harbor only a few steps from the water. A gateway marks the path to it

STRINGLESS GIFTS BEST

A Page of Notes

THE following makes us feel that our successor is on the horizon:

I am the manager of THE FIELD AFAR and give it to the children each month on its arrival. We await its coming with much eagerness. The April edition arrived during Latin class and we impatiently awaited its delivery.

A seminarian from Canada writes:

May I express a word of praise for the little booklet of prayers for the missions that you so kindly sent? I have incorporated the prayers in it into my own that I say each afternoon at the visit to the Blessed Sacrament which we have here in common.

A Japanese resident of Port Arthur, Manchuria, renewing his subscription to The FIELD AFAR, wrote:

We Catholics belong to Dairen Church and became very happy since Fr. Tibesar came to Dairen—just like as farmer had rain after long dry days.

Maryknoll is now settled in Rome with its own house. The house will not only accommodate the seven who represent Maryknoll in the Eternal City, but will provide for a limited number of American priest-students.

A correspondent in Detroit, who has quite a family of her own and who is anxious to have them all serve God, sent an offering recently for several Chinese babies and wrote:

Please tell the Sisters to pick out babies that are very near Heaven so they can pray for the children's religious vocations, also my own, when they get there.

To few is given the great privilege of the priesthood: to fewer still the unusual call to the apostolate in foreign lands. Both calls are enviable, though both carry with them a great responsibility—the care of souls. Say an occasional prayer that from these United States may arise worthy vocations, in view of spiritual needs at home and on the mission fields.

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A news item that found place in several Catholic publications announced that the Maryknoll Superior was leading a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress. The item was not true, but we are pleased to say that Maryknoll was represented at Sydney by Fr. James Keller who accompanied a group that had been organized by the American Express Company.

More than three hundred Chinese children stood on the steps of the New York City Hall at the opening of the Chinese Famine Relief Campaign. Some of the mothers in quaint Chinese garb accompanied them. Chinese students from Columbia University were present also. It was significant that the children were cared for by Protestant mission workers, and that, besides Mayor Walker, the most prominent figure was that of Dr. Parkes Cadman, well-known Protestant minister who is head of the relief committee. There was no delegation of Catholic Chinese; no priests, no Sisters, no suggestion of the fact that the Catholic Church is interested in the welfare of the Orientals. knoll regrets this fact and hopes that in the near future something

can be done to remedy the situa-

Maryknoll has been kindly remembered in several wills during the past few years. In most cases the legacy came through safely; in several, it came only after a legal struggle that reduced considerably the amount designated in the will; from some wills, Maryknoll drew a blank!

Among the last named were wills that would have actually benefitted us had the executors been more carefully named. Had a high class banking firm or Trust company executed these wills, we should doubtless have secured a substantial sum. Disgruntled heirs hesitate to attack executors whose position is strong.

Pointing to a row of books in his library, a well-known priest remarked, "Those were purchased when I was a youngster by my dear mother."

I looked at them and noted their titles. Most of them were stories of the early Christian persecution. Some were travel tales, and among them were a few lives of the Saints.

"Did you read them?" I asked. My host smiled as he answered, "Not all while I was very young, but a day came when I was curious to look over books that my mother had selected. When I had finished the shelf I found myself stronger spiritually than I had ever been, and I blessed the mother who had provided this kind of spiritual and intellectual food for her young."

"And now," he added, "I am

passing on the shelf to my young flock and enlarging it. I note that our young people are becoming keenly interested in the experiences of missioners whether in this country or in foreign fields."

This promises well for a coming generation of Catholics who will not be too parochial.

A prominent layman of this country has written to us as follows:

Your notice of Father McShane's church at Loting is very interesting. Isn't it time now that our well-off parishes adopt a mission either at home or abroad, build its church, and care for its special needs?

Don't you think that our missions might be brought into the personal relation they need by some such means?

Co-incidentally with the arrival

Co-incidentally with the arrival of the letter referred to above, came one from a Maryknoll priest in China:

On the missions I note with interest the working out of a Parish Sponsor idea among our separate brethren. St. B's in New York, for example, has a fair-sized St. B's mission here and is supplying all its substantial needs

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This makes me a bit envious (perhaps I expect too much) but I assure myself that there are enough fine pastors and generous parishioners in the United States to sponsor every Catholic Mission in the homeland or in a foreign field. If only the idea could be brought home to them strongly!

The pastor who induces his parishioners to care for an entire mission will bring to his parish faith and love. His parishioners will not only increase in fervor and vocations, but will actually do more for the home parish. They will become missioners by proxy, and their interest in church work will

The suggestion is not a new one, and we feel very confident that, with rising interest in missions, requests are sure to come from American Catholic pastors for the missioners with whom contact could be made in view of correspondence and coöperation.

The heavy burden of school support has doubtless kept many from considering the sustenance of a poor missioner, but even the poor parishes will not suffer should their members take upon themselves some mission activity, home or foreign.



WHEN THE FIRST JAPANESE BISHOP RETURNED HOME This is the scene in the church at Nagasaki, the diocesan See of Bishop Hayasaka. There are no benches in the church. The men occupy the Gospel side; the Epistle side is reserved for the women

Good Will From the Pacific Coast

A RESOLUTION of good will and esteem, passed by the California Knights of Columbus, is the fruit of the visit to this country of the first Japanese Bishop, Right Reverend Januarius Hayasaka, D.D.

The resolution reads:

Recalling the recent visit to the Pacific Coast of the Right Reverend Januarius Hayasaka, D.D., first Japanese Bishop, we desire in this State Convention to express to His Lordship and through him to the Japanese people here and in their own country, our good will and esteem.

We wish the Right Reverend Bishop many years of fruitful service, with an ever growing fold, a fold true to the noble traditions of its martyred ancestors.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted at the State Convention held in Hollywood, California, and this gracious act on the part of the Knights of Columbus is bound to react favorably on the work which the Catholic Church is trying to do for the Japanese in this country and across the Pacific.

The Catholic heart is world-wide in its sympathy, and the true Catholic will look upon every man, from whatever nation or race he comes, as a brother for whom, as for himself, Jesus Christ laid down His life on the gibbet of the Cross.

Not Bishop Hayasaka alone, but many of his countrymen in the United States and in Japan, will be edified and pleased with the resolution of this representative body of Catholic men.

NEAR THE HOLY FATHER

THE Vatican Mission Exposition marked a relationship of Maryknoll with Rome that came much earlier than we expected. We refer to the establishment of a house at the Center of Christendom. This was bound to come with the development of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, and we were given to understand that it should come as soon as we could see our way to provide the personnel and the place.

The call from Rome for a mission exhibit included the call for a Maryknoller to set it up and to keep his eye on it, at least for a while. The Maryknoller selected, Fr. John Considine, made himself so useful that, with the exception of a brief official visit to the homeland, he has been in Rome ever since rendering service, not only to his Alma Mater, but, in his own little way, to the larger interests of the Church Militant.

Two years ago, Maryknoll sent to join Fr. Considine her first two "Roman Students", Joseph Meaney of Arlington, Mass., who was ordained priest before leaving the United States, and John Hugues of Philadelphia, who, later, received Holy Orders in Rome. Recently Fr. Meaney and Fr. Hugues were given the Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

In the meantime, two younger students, Eugene Higgins of Newark, N. J., and Louis Smith of Tiffin, Ohio, accompanied by an Auxiliary Brother, Leo Shields of Brooklyn, joined the three in Rome, making a family circle of six. This has been a happy family though living under the roof of strangers.

Fr. Hugues, who has finished the course prescribed for him, has now returned to teach, and two more young students, Arthur Kiernan of Cortland, N. Y., and Leo Melancon of Fall River, Mass., have sailed the ocean blue to breathe the atmosphere of Rome.



This means that we shall have at least seven Maryknoll sons in Rome from now on. And this number calls for a place of our own where we shall be free to order things as we feel they are needed for our best development.

It is not so easy to find a place in Rome, even if you have the wherewithal to purchase it, and the place that seemed best fitted to our needs was held at too high a price for the wherewithal at our command. That wherewithal came strangely into our hands. It was the net profit from the sale of our New York procure in a section which had unexpectedly risen from a declining neighborhood to a center of fashion and called for the demolition of our house.

Still we were short, and the price could not be made to reach

down to us. We turned elsewhere and almost lost our coveted home in an effort to get one to meet our purse. Then came the realization that the house we sought was large mough, with a little Maryknoll crowding, to accommodate others than our own, and to bring an income that would take care of the interest on the balance. Maryknoll, therefore, has in Rome—all under one roof but nicely separated — a house of studies, a procure and a hostel.

A member of the American hierarchy has already engaged rooms for three of his student priests and has besides given us a substantial offering to meet our purchase expense. Another prelate has established a foundation for the use of living quarters, and two bishops have expressed the hope that accommodations can be provided at the Maryknoll House in Rome for their occasional visits

Our hope is to finance the house at Rome without the loss of a dollar that otherwise would go to our special mission needs. Perhaps you will be interested enough to help make this possible.

Narrow charity and it dies. Extend it and it grows warm with strengthened life.



THE DOME THAT CROWNS THE TOMB OF THE APOSTLES St. Peter's in Rome—the joy of Catholic pilgrims

SUBSCRIBE FOR A FRIEND

Recent Events at the Maryknoll Center

Outgoing Sisters

DEPARTURES are scheduled usually for September, but this year, with twenty-six Sisters to be prepared and "tagged" for the trans-pacific voyage, it was decided to advance the date.

This was, in fact, quite necessary because many of the Sisters were expected to take up their work abroad in September. The twenty-six represented Hong Kong and Canada, also the fol-lowing States: New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Indiana and Illi-

The Sisters were assigned to missions as follows:

Hong Kong

Sr. M. Francisca and Sr. Ann

Mary Gishu, Korea Sr. M. Andre and Sr. M. Anasta-

sia Yeng You, Korea

Sr. M. Loyola and Sr. M. Edwardine Malabon, P. I.

Sr. M. Eucharista Manila, P. I.

Sr. Virginia Marie Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands

Sr. M. Bernardine, Sr. M. Chanel, Sr. M. Marguerite and Sr. M. Cai-

Maui, Hawaiian Islands

Sr. M. Celeste, Sr. M. Beata, Sr. M. Thomasina, Sr. M. Judith, Sr. M. Emily, Sr. M. Stanislaus, Sr. Marie Aimee, Sr. M. Benigna, Sr. Marie Vianney, Sr. M. Charlotte, Sr. M. Luke, Sr. M. Regis, Sr. M. Hugh, and Sr. M. Isabel.

Twenty-six is a large departure group, and when one considers that many Sisters are needed to recruit religious orders in the homeland he is tempted to ask the time-honored question: "Why go away when there is plenty to do at home?"

There are yet in this country hundreds of religious who were

A vocation is a divine inspiration; it is a seed fallen upon the earth to bear fruit for life everlasting.



AUXILIARY BROTHERS OF ST. MICHAEL NEWLY CLOTHED

born in Europe and who have been helping us to help ourselves. And there was a time in this land of ours when there were no priests except those who had left their native land to come here.

These twenty-six Maryknoll Sisters, and the group of priests that leave this month, hope in other lands to render service similar to what has made the Church in America. They go to help others help themselves. The day approaches when foreign priests and Sisters will have little to do in the United States. And the day will come when American (or European) priests, Brothers, or Sisters will not be needed in foreign lands where they now labor and direct.

The few hundred Americans who are associated with the oversea army of the Catholic Church are yet a very small proportion of our priests, Brothers and Sisters. Far from grudging them to lands that know not Christ, the right kind of a Catholic will cheer them on to their self-imposed exile. He will be glad in his heart as he witnesses the great test of love for Christ, and he will know that this example of sacrifice cannot but react with blessings on the Church at home.

Auxiliary Brothers

"HOW do you get them?" This is the question that comes often when priests note the creditable body of Auxiliary Brothers enrolled under the standard of Maryknoll.

We rarely attempt a full answer to this question. We simply know that the work of Maryknoll needs just such help; that God provides for real needs; that the spirit of sacrifice can be found in this country to cooperate in His designs.

We have today sixty-two Brothers, ten of whom are across the Pacific directing varied works under supervision of Maryknoll priests. The Auxiliary Brothers have proved precious helpers to our work at home and abroad.

If a young man has strong faith, good will, average intelligence, and a zest for work, he will make a staunch and welcome Maryknoller. Should he have specialized along some line, he will sooner or later, in all probability, find himself in a position to use his knowledge. At present Auxiliary Brothers serve the

When the decision has been made to follow Christ, difficulties vanish; peace and contentment come into the soul.

cause as teachers, typists, stenographers, bookkeepers, carpenters, masons, plumbers, poultry men, farmers, chauffeurs, road-builders, cooks, nurses, painters, electricians, "'n everything",—except

politicians.

Eight more recently received the habit of religion. They were:
Edgar Fish, Jersey City, N. J.
(Bro. Edward); James Boyd,
Carthage, N. Y. (Bro. Anthony);
James Dwyer, Peabody, Mass. (Bro. Fidelis); George Duggan, Boston, Mass. (Bro. Richard); Benedict Altotta, Rochester, N. Y. (Bro. Salvatore); Elias Baluny, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Bro. Elias); John Donohue, Jersey City, N. J. (Bro. Gabriel); Joseph Stein, Bergen, N. Y. (Bro. Bonaventure).

Two of the Brothers have recently been assigned to overseas service. Bro. Anselm will go to the Procure at Hong Kong, and Bro. Francis to Kwangsi Province, China, to assist Fr. Meyer. They will sail in the fall.

VERY pleasant memory of A very preasure summer days is that which drew to the Knoll representatives of various orders of Sisters and which this year registered the best ever. One never realizes how many different congregations there are in this section of the world until some gathering calls them out, each in her own garb. The Maryknoll Sisters' Day is

not a great gathering, but it always brings surprises in the form of strange religious habits. Strange or familiar, however, the Sisters who wear these habits are one in Faith, Catholic to the core, and, as a consequence, mis-

sion lovers.

A fine trait in a religious is that breadth of view that sees beyond its own congregation and cooperates with others engaged in God's service. And this is characteristic of the Sisters who visit Maryknoll and of hundreds who, in one way or another, have manifested their interest, during the past scholastic year, in Maryknoll.



DAILY MAIL EXTRACTS

Enclosed find one dollar for THE FIELD AFAR. It is worth many times the price. I enjoy every line.—Mass.

Again let me say that THE FIELD AFAR seems more enjoyable each month and its arrival is eagerly awaited .- Maine.

I began reading THE FIELD AFAR last January and find it so interesting that I have not missed one line in it since.

I enjoy every issue of THE FIELD AFAR, reading it from cover to cover; in fact, I look forward to it eagerly each month.—N. J.

Not for the world would your little "Knights of Our Lady" have their subscription to The FIELD AFAR doomed to be destroyed.—Pa.

I cannot do without THE FIELD AFAR. I think I have read every issue since the first, and it is almost like a prayer book to me.-Wis.

Enclosed find check for two dollars for one year's subscription to THE FIELD AFAR. It is a never-ending source of pleasure to us .- Wash.

Pardon me for being so late in paying for my little paper, The Field Afar. I think I have been getting the magazine for over twenty years.—Mass.

Our family is very sorry to have overlooked sending the dollar for The FIELD AFAR. We love the little paper and look forward to each issue.-Conn.

Please put my name on your subscription list again, I did not enroll this year, but I find that I just must have THE FIELD AFAR again .- Maine.

I am sending two dollars for one year's subscription. The extra dollar is interest paid for interesting news. I wish it could be a million.—N. Y.

I am sending a money order for two dollars, my subscription to THE FIELD AFAR for one year. One dollar is not enough for such a splendid magazine. -Mass

Your Maryknoll magazine is very interesting; the stories and pictures are fine. We would surely miss it very much if we did not receive it.—Pa.

THE FIELD AFAR has a different atmosphere from most American magazines. There is a distinct difference. May God bless you in your good work! -Minn.

I rejoice in your joys and sympa-thize with your griefs which I follow with keen interest in your absorbing magazine. I read it from cover to cover .- Ceylon.

Behold my little check running in at the eleventh hour for the renewal of my Field Afar. It is a great little paper. Don't ever let me run out of it.—Mass.

I enjoy reading THE FIELD AFAR always, and when I finish with it I take it to the rectory, from which it is sent out into the country to some of our poor parishes .- Va.

Our Building Program

LAST year was a most exceptional one in the life of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. It registered for the first time a cessation of building activities in the homeland, and perhaps it was not welcome! Let us make it clear that the respite was more than welcome. We looked upon it as a God-send not to be anxious about many things, especially big monthly payments.

And now we are off again, not because we are particularly anxious to complete unfinished work but because we feel that it should be done.

At the Center

Plasterers and carpenters invaded the Seminary in July and kept at their messy tasks till September. For several years corridors and rooms have been plasterless, the rough, red-tile partitions inviting dirt and homeless insects, but we felt that it was worthwhile to hold off a few years and save the interest on some fifty thousand dollars — which burden we now lift and carry in our left hand

Across the Country

On the Pacific Coast our young college, substantially constructed, thanks to special and unexpected benefactions, calls now for its outside finish, its final roof and further interior work. "Amen," we say when convinced that it must be done. And the right hand lifts another fifty thousand dollar burden.

All Set?

No. We are happy to say that our American youth are responding to the call for the apostolate in heathen lands and we must provide shelter for more at the Venard, our Preparatory College in Clarks Summit, Pa. (Scranton diocese.) The foundations for the new and final portion of the College were laid three years ago and carried up to the first floor, providing a basement which has given the College temporary classrooms and a recreation hall.



THE CLOISTER

Paved with stones from the sidewalks of New York

Now we must clean up this unit — Maryknoll's first Preparatory College, and by the time these lines are read, we expect to be saddled with a shoulder burden of almost two hundred thousand dollars.

Then we shall have a fifty thousand dollar load in each hand and a two hundred thousand dollar load on our back. Watch us walk. We start in hope and believe that as we proceed the burden will be lightened. Prayers and ducats will certainly do this, and we ask for both.

We had hardly started when there came from a Boston priest the sum of one hundred dollars to be applied to the Venard College building costs. This sum is the aggregate of special sacrifices cheerfully made for the welfare of Maryknoll.

THE LATEST VENTURE

THE Catholic Foreign Mission
Society of America has accepted the direction of one of the old Franciscan missions on the Pacific Coast.

This mission, San Juan Bautista (St. John the Baptist) lies inland from Carmel and Monterey, in the diocese of Monterey-Fresno.

For some time past, Bishop McGinley has desired to develop some work that would give practical expression to his interest in the Japanese and other Orientals living within the confines of his diocese. San Juan will be made a center for such work which can be readily combined with parish activities in this rural district.

The mission of San Juan is one of the oldest on the Pacific Coast, but we will leave a description of

it until a later issue.



THE CATHOLIC FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY OF AMERICA
The Seminary looks less bare than it does in this picture. It is, however,
as may be readily observed, unfinished. The future chapel will extend
northward from the tower

TALK "MARYKNOLL"

MARYKNOLL-IN-ROME

ALL missions start from Rome. The Holy Father, the *on-dits* tell us, and the authorities of Propaganda, following the traditions of the Church, desire accent on Rome as the world center of the apostolate.

The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith now has its center in the eternal city, and the new Lateran Mission Museum, which bids fair to become some day the great international center for mission problems, has been inaugurated. Approximately ten mission societies have enlarged their Roman program during the past few years, and we learn that the Society of the Divine Word considers moving its Generalate to Rome from Holland. The Franciscans are erecting a great new building in Rome for the training of their missioners.

So Maryknoll, obedient to the desire of the Church, now has its Roman house. Via Sardegna 83 will be (1) a house of studies, (2) the Roman procure, (3) a center for Maryknoll friends visiting the city, (4) a rooming house for some half-dozen American priest-students.

MARYKNOLL-IN-SEATTLE

Sue Zumi, our Scattle correspondent, says:

THE summer is past and gone, and here we are back again waiting for school to begin. We had hoped and prayed that we might be in our new school by this time, but Father came back from the East with the news that we must wait another year before we can even start to build. So we just did

a little more pushing over and made use of every corner. Third and fourth grades have been added to the first two, and the number of children in kindergarten is close to one hundred and fifty.

When we Japanese children reach second grade, we must go to the language school every afternoon from four to six. Since we Maryknoll children have our own Japanese teacher, we are not required to go to the other school, and the plan is so pleasing to our parents that they are anxious to have us get all our schooling at once. The teacher is one of our Catholic Japanese, a graduate of one of Japan's famous universities. I was in the first class last year, and learned the names of Japanese characters and how to write many of them.

Although we have had some gain this year, we have also had a loss, which will be very great for us for a while, although it will some day be our gain. Francis, who has been Father's helper and catechist, left us this year to go to the Junior Seminary to begin his studies for the priesthood. Francis kept in touch with all the Japanese; he started the first Japanese Catholic newspaper in this country, and he used to give fine instructions in Japanese at Mass each Sunday.

In the meantime, four more Sisters have come from Maryknoll to teach the new classes. We now have seventeen Maryknollers in Seattle, mostly Sisters.

If we keep on growing, we'll burst the shell we're living in now, but then that will mean a new shell and that's what we're praying for every day. They say that a new school and church



DEPARTURE ECHOES

Once again the Knoll echoes to the clang of the departure bell, and young American apostles go out to distant fields white for the harvest of souls.

They have done their part, it is our turn now. The time has come to follow them with our prayers and give them a financial backing in their undertakings for Christ. There is no small responsibility on our part if important labors must be postponed and our missioners endure periods of discouragement, simply because they are forgotten by the folks back home.

would cost fifty thousand dollars! I wonder if there's that much money in the world!



A MEMORABLE GROUP OF CRUSADERS AT SEATTLE, BISHOP O'DEA PRESIDING

Fr. Tibesar at Port Arthur

ONE of my first memories in life, associated quite intimately with memories of home, is that of the Russo-Japanese War. As a little boy, I remember seeing pictures of the blowing up of forts, and so forth, and these have indelibly fixed themselves in my mind. I looked forward eagerly to seeing Port Arthur since becoming charged with the care of the Christians there, but, unfortunately, I found no opportunity for even a fleeting visit till last Saturday.

There are not many Catholics in Port Arthur, in fact, the city itself is not what it once was, when the eyes of the world were focused on it. It has had its day and seems content with its laurels. The Catholic day, we hope, is just dawning. The prominence of the Catholics there in civil life is a bit disconcerting, I admit. Judge Tsuchiya occupies a position in the Japanese territory in South Manchuria, equivalent to that of Mr. Taft in the United States. He is Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Gazama is one of the chief officials in Japanese Red Cross. In all, I was prepared to meet only a handful of Catholics, just those of the highest rank in society here.

Port Arthur has never had a Cathelic church. Priests have visited there from time to time; holy Mass has been offered there at times, that is all. As for consecutive Catholic effort of a telling kind, that is something of the future. I found thirty Catholics there. I judge there should be more, slumbering in oblivion of the church's very existence, if not openly doing as their neighbors do. One lady naïvely told of having called in the Buddhist Bonzes in order to have a "nice funeral" for her baby. We must have a Catholic center there now; later on, a Church, a resident priest, perhaps! Who knows?

It was a pleasant surprise to see Mr. Tsuchiya and a group of Christians as I alighted from the train. Mr. Tsuchiya had warned me not to expect him since Court was in session. It seems the defendant had a cold, so the Judge was free. The "official" Buick whisked us up to the Yamato Hotel in no time, much to the astonishment of the natives who recognized the fatherly old Judge but couldn't just place me.



THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AT PORT ARTHUR, MANCHURIA

It is dead of winter here now, and I was the only guest at the Hotel. That was as I had hoped but had not dared expect. We had a fine, serious discussion in the lobby, in which some twenty assembled Christians took part. Afterwards I heard confessions in my room, the lobby serving as chapel for those making their preparation. Hotel boys, always curious, especially in Japan with its many "state secrets," were certainly outdoing themselves trying to figure out what it all could mean. They prepared a nice room for Mass for us and seemed more mystified than ever.

Sunday morning found twenty-two assembled for Mass. At the Mass I gave a short sermon outlining the work I hoped to do: namely, develop vocations among their children. I cited the case of Bishop Hayasaka's recent consecration as a case in point, for emulation.

The status quo at Port Arthur is: I've organized a First Communion class with twelve or fourteen pupils; and besides I've arranged to visit Port Arthur once a month for Mass. The

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If so, write to the circulation department of THE FIELD AFAR, giving both your new and your old address. This will avoid delay in the delivery of your magazine. Christians there will arrange for a place in which to assemble. In a word, we are on our way toward a church in another place where a church had never existed previously. So I hope! As for finances, my worries should cease as numbers increase. Just now I could use an outfit for saying Mass and some stray dollars, of course.

I have said but little of scenery, monuments, and so forth, at Port Arthur. The truth is, I didn't see much of those things. I did catch a fleeting glimpse of the harbor in which Russia's might went down. I saw the narrow entrance across which some heroic Japanese volunteers sank the boats that bottled up Russia's fleet. Among those brave lads were two whose families are Christians. The Christians pointed out to me also how the Russians had leveled off a mountain top preparatory to erecting upon it a Russian church at which all the world would marvel.

If the world had sense enough to listen, I'd tell it that Japan is the finest, most promising mission field in the world today, barring none. The Japanese people have come through the miserable fifty years of foreign intercourse intact, with hearts unspoiled.

Incidentally, I've about four boys on the string for the Preparatory Seminary at Dairen. They are not well-todo, and if I could get some help for them, I should appreciate it very much.

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TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

SEPTEMBER brings two feast days which are observed at Maryknoll with special interest and devotion.

September 8—the birthday of our Blessed Mother; September 12—her name day, and co-incidentally, the anniversary of the eternal departure of our cofounder, Father Price.

When an act is done for God alone, we need not fear difficulties.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found an announcement that Maryknoll has taken over one of the old California missions under the direction of Bishop McGinley.

Activities connected with this mission will include a special interest in Japanese people. This latest foundation will forge a blessed link between missioners of other days who left Europe to evangelize America and missioners of today who leave America to carry the good tidings Westward still.

STUDENT enrollment at the Maryknoll Seminary for 1928-29 is very promising, and at this writing it looks as if there will be at least twenty-five new aspirants. Of these, most, if not all, will

persevere, as few leave Maryknoll once they have entered the Major Seminary

Twenty-five entrants may appear to some a large number, but it is yet woefully small when we consider Catholic strength in the United States.

As we note the increase, we thank God, and many will add their Amen.

Who is free to hesitate, when Christ calls?

THE Maryknoll Sisters have lost their first Chinese subject. Chinese she was by race, although American by birth. Sister Mary Bernadette Tam, whose body now rests in the soil of China, will, we believe, be the first of many Chinese young women to be trained by American nuns, until the day shall come when China herself will supply with native vocations the spiritual needs of that vast country. To help others to help themselves is a thought that constantly animates the Maryknoller who leaves the homeland for love of Christ.

TEN years have passed since the first band of American missioners from Maryknoll left San Francisco for Asia. There were four in that group and all four are in China. Three are living; the fourth, the saintly cofounder of Maryknoll, Father Price, is buried in its soil, his ardent soul interceding for his companions.

Ten years is a short period in the mission life of the Catholic Church but the test has been made, and the hope is strong today that the Church of America will give to the spread of the faith, not dollars only, but prayers, sacrifices, and SOULS, breathing the apostolic spirit.

We are in the Century of Missions. Let the school children catch the spirit.

SAINT GREGORY the Great used to sell chalices in order to relieve the poor. He doubtless felt sure of his ground in taking this means to please God, for, like all Saints, he was very close to Him.

There never can be any question about the wisdom of helping God's poor. As long as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it to Me. (St. Matt. 25-40.)

You will erect monuments amid the clash of argument, but no Catholic will cavil at the relief of misery, whether it be on our own city streets or in hapless lands afar.

The missioner must be willing to go the whole way.

THE present year will bring the number of departures from Maryknoll for overseas work up to fifteen; and should we reckon the separate seasons when Maryknoll Sisters left for the Far East, the number would rise to twenty-five

This year there is a preponderance of Sisters sailing across the Pacific, twenty-six in all, bound for posts in Honolulu, Korea, North and South China and the Philippines.

Eleven priests added to this figure give a total of thirty-seven.

This statement would frighten a half-hearted Catholic, but it will bring joy to all whose hearts are like that of the Master—world-wide—and who believe that the extension of the Faith abroad is the best way to keep it strong at home.

The missioner must have a generous soul.

ONCE a titled lady asked Pope Pius X what she could do to help the Church. His answer was: Teach Catechism.

In the Chinese Missions, one of the greatest retarding factors is simply ignorance of the Catechism on the part of the Christians. Just how a lone minister can get his scattered flock instructed is a hard problem, yet it is one he must solve if converts are ever to evolve into Catholics.

One solution—and probably the only feasible one—is the catechist. It is a simple solution, too, but there is a catch in it, and that is the support of the catechist. This leaves the missioner just where he started.

What shall I do to help the Church? You will have Pope Pius X as counsellor in deciding to support a catechist."

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Why not have a Mission Book Shelf in the classroom this year?

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AMERICAN pilgrims to the Eucharistic Congress will cover a much longer voyage than does the missioner who goes directly from the Pacific coast to Japan or Korea. Those who return by way of Eastern Asia will catch a glimpse of Oriental ports, but they will see little or nothing of real mission conditions.

For such an experience, it is necessary to go into the hinterland, not far, but, as a rule, quite beyond the limit set for ordinary tourists. Yet it is good to feel that an ever growing number of American Catholic travelers are turning their eyes and their steps toward the Far East. Undoubtedly some among them will awaken to mission opportunities, and lovers of the Eucharist, above all others, will return with renewed interest in the effort which the Church is making to multiply tabernacles in all lands.

THE twenty-six Maryknoll Sisters who are crossing the Pacific this year will be distributed as follows: eighteen to Honolulu, four to Korea, two to Hong Kong and two to Manila.

Most of these Sisters will be engaged in educational work, and one will be added to the already large staff of Maryknoll Sisters

THE MARTYRS' SHRINE IN THE SEMINARY CHAPEL



EXSULTENT INSULAE

The Lord hath reigned; exult, O Earth, And all ye isles, rejoice: Our God hath reigned from Calvary, The cross His throne of choice.

He hangs upon the blood-stained cross—
A gibbet stern and grim—

A gibbet stern and grim— And stretches out His loving arms To draw all things to Him.

The heavens announce His justice
Who died upon the Tree;
A Light is risen to the just,
The Truth to make men free.

All nations shall salvation see; A mighty God is He Who ruleth all and reigneth from The Throne-room of the Tree.

The Lord hath reigned; exult, O Earth, And all ye isles rejoice; Our God hath called all men to grace And Asia hears His Voice.

—M. A. C., China

at St. Paul's Hospital, Manila, in the Philippine Islands. The latter, Sister Virginia Marie, will bring to her task the experience of several years as supervisor of nurses in St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Assignments of American Sisters to American possessions should satisfy that class of Catholics who are inclined to grudge the service of Americans to any other than home needs, but we doubt that it will. The worth while world for such people—and some of them are good in many ways—is very small.

Fortunately, however, there are American Catholics in ever growing numbers who see the far-off need and, while mindful of home duties, generously meet it.

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If our boys and girls get the mission spirit their faith and charity will be strengthened.

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THE value of a Catholic school comes largely from its atmosphere—from the elimination of poisonous elements, from living examples of faith and devoted service, and from positive teaching of Catholic doctrine and moral precepts.

The Catholic student should be taught to admire unselfish lives and to be helpful to others. To this end it would be hard to think of an influence stronger and more salutary than the record of mission are recorded.

sion experiences.

Last year The Field Afar found welcome in an unusually large number of parish schools. A few copies ordered by interested priests, Sisters and Brothers were quickly taken, and the quantity doubled and trebled.

The copies were sold at ten cents apiece to individual students, many of whom secured the paper in preference to attending the

movies!

From such reading, the Catholic students in parish schools of today will be the mission backers of tomorrow, and the lesson of sacrifice which they will absorb cannot be otherwise than a blessing.

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Pray for all missioners.

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MISSIONS NEED SCHOOLS

THE earth-ball begins to look smaller as the years of Maryknoll multiply. Recently one of our busy bees, who dreams of spiritual honey in strange lands, opened an old geography and began to do some figuring (which is not a lost art here).

The result is found below, and friends of our outgoing missioners will be especially interested to see how much space and how many days the separation will mark. The figures are approximately:

Maryknoll(N.Y.)	Miles	Days
Rome	3,700	10 to 14
Korea	7,700	17 to 20
Manchuria	8,000	20 to 22
Hong Kong	8,733	25 to 30
Manila	9,364	27 to 32
Hawaiian Islands	4.715	10 to 12

Maryknollers going to Hono-lulu (Hawaiian Islands) sail from San Francisco. Those who are bound for Asia go either from San Francisco or from Seattle. All steamers for Eastern Asia stop at Yokohama, Japan, and at Shanghai, China. Manila (Phil-ippine Islands) is two days by steamer from Hong Kong.

PERHAPS we should make the caption of the page, "Where they were when last reported." With few to place and many points to cover, there are shifts that make the Maryknoll Directory soon a back number, but it is safe to say that the enumeration on this page is substantially correct. Letters sent to the Catholic Mission at any address given below should reach the missioner. Money, in any form, will be most wisely sent through Maryknoll.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Sacred Heart Church, 1701 Wilder Ave., Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. Rev. William S. Kress Rev. John H. Murray

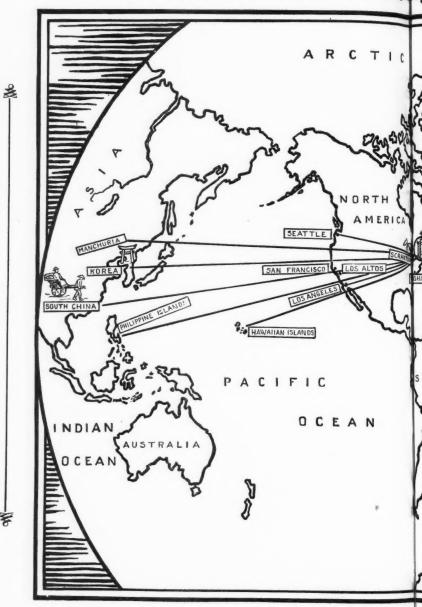
Rev. Joseph Cassidy Rev. Hubert M. Pospichal

Rev. John Joyce

CHINA Maryknoll Procure 160 Austin Road, Kowloon

Rev. Wilbur J. Borer Rev. Brother Anselm

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Pakkai, Kongmoon,

Kwangtung Province Rt. Rev. James E. Walsh, D.D. Rev. Frederick G. Dietz Rev. Anthony J. Paulhus Rev. Francis J. Connors Rev. J. Edward McDermott Rev. John J. Tierney Rev. Mark A. Churchill Rev. John F. Buckley

Chikkai, Kwangtung Province Rev. Joseph P. McGinn

Yeungkong, Kwangtung Province Rev. George Bauer

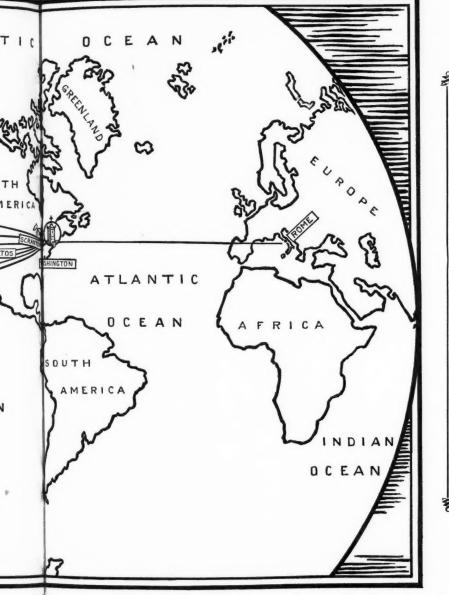
Fachow, Kwangtung Province Rev. Charles A. Walker

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Tung On, Wau Fau, Kwangtung Province Rev. Otto A. Rauschenbach

Sung Chong, T'oi Shan, Kwangtung Province Rev. Robert J. Cairns

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Rev. Constantine F. Burns Rev. John Heemskerk

Lung Woh, Kwangtung Province Rev. Joseph Farnen

Tung Chen, Kwangtung Province Rev. Thomas A. O'Melia Rev. Joseph Schmidt Rev. Philip A. Taggart

Hoingan, T'oi Shan, Kwangtung Province Rev. Edward LePrelle

Taan On, T'oi Shan, Kwangtung Province

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Rev. William M. O'Brien Rev. William J. Downs Rev. Maurice Ahern Rev. Francis T. Donnelly

Chemping Siou-Loc (Via Swatow)

Rev. Charles Hilbert Rev. John D. Gallagher

Sak Tsen (Via Swatow) Rev. Patrick F. Malone Rev. J. Maynard Murphy

Chong Pu, Ng Fa (Via Swatow)
Rev. Maurice Gleason

Rev. John J. Driscoll

Pingnam, Kwangsi Province Rev, Bernard F. Meyer Rev, John E. Ruppert Rev. Thomas V. Kiernan Rev. Leo J. Jones Rev. John Romaniello Rev. Gerard A. Donovan Rev. George P. Flanagan

Rev. Bro. Francis

MANCHURIA

Tenshudo, Fushun Rev. Raymond A. Lane Rev. Joseph A. Sweeney Rev. Sylvio R. Gilbert Rev. Howard C. Geselbracht Rev. Armand Jacques Rev. Francis E. Mullen Rev. William R. Killion

Tenshudo, Antung Rev. Leo Davis

Tenshudo, Kaiyuan Rev. Joseph McCormack

Tenshudo, Fushimi Dai, 52 Chitosemachi, Dairen Rev. Leopold Tibesar

Tenshudo, Hiken Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. J. Byrne Rev. Joseph A. Hunt

Tenshudo, Singishu Rev. Roy D. Petipren

Tenshudo, Gishu Rev. Leo Peloquin Rev. Stephen V. Hannon

Tenshudo, Peng Yang Rev. Patrick H. Cleary Rev. Leo Sweeney

Tenshudo, Yeng You Rev. John E. Morris Rev. Thomas Plunkett

Tenshudo, Chinnampo Rev. Patrick J. Duffy Rev. Edward J. Halloran Rev. Thomas G. Ray Rev. Edward Barron

Tenshudo, Chuwa Rev. Donald V. Chisholm

Tenshudo, Eun San Rev. Hugh Craig

Tenshudo, Ma San Rev. William Booth

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

St. Rita's Hall, Taft Ave., Manila Rev. James M. Drought Rev. John Toomey Rev. William Fletcher

Along the Course of the Missions SOUTH CHINA Kongmoon

(Fr. Dictz)

FRS. Connors, Churchill, MacDermott and myself have just returned from a trip to Macao, Canton and Sheklung. This pleasant little vacation of two weeks might be considered part of our course in initiating the new Fathers. They had come direct to Pakkai in December and spent three hard months on Chinese. This traveling interlude made them acquainted with their neighbors and might be considered a good-will flight on the style of Lindbergh's. The Fathers saw a good deal and learned something. They were especially interested in Sheklung. According to the latest information, Bishop Déswazières will be consecrated there among his beloved lepers on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

We all look well enough and are happy. I would like to see Bishop Walsh looking better but I suppose he never will. It is no easy task being a Bishop in China these days. This section of ours has been peaceful enough the last few months: still I fear that while Bolshevism has been officially frowned upon, its ideas are nevertheless penetrating the masses and may profoundly influence the future. The China of tomorrow will be very different from the China of yesterday. Some of the readjustments will be to our taste, but many others . . . ? My chief hope lies in an expected reaction, similar in some respects, perhaps, to the one after the Boxer troubles.

(Fr. McDermott)

LAST week, Thursday, I had my first trip to the missions. Frs. Dietz, Churchill, and I went to Sun Chong to help Fr. Cairns celebrate the tenth anniversary of his ordination. We left Kongmoon at 7 A.M. and arrived about 3 P.M. A junk travels daily between Kongmoon and Sun Chong. Fr. Cairns was delighted to have visitors, and a chicken lost its life on our account,

On Friday Fr. Cairns sang High Mass. Fr. Lei, a native priest, played

an old melodeon, and we were the choir. There was only a handful of Christians at Mass, but that was because most of Fr. Cairn's Christians live in the village and come to the central church only for the big feasts.

In the afternoon we walked up the "Main Street" of Sun Chong to see the sights, but we soon realized that we were the "sights". Boys followed us; workmen stopped their work to stare at us; all commented on the dress and language of the foreigners. We were sensitive enough to be glad to return to the mission.

Many times we have heard it said, "It is the little things in life that count." I wonder if the author of that saying was thinking of mosquitoes? Surely those little things count legion over here, and when one gets under your mosquito-netting at night he causes trouble.

The students of St. Peter's School in Worcester believe in little things counting, too. These children saved their pennies in mite boxes and recently sent me a check for \$330. Monsignor Walsh will use this money for native Sisters' support.

The hot weather is coming soon to Kongmoon, and already the priests have donned their white cassocks. Monsignor is telling us that we must not study

so hard these days. We are beginning to lisp the language now and feel that we are catching some of the tones.

Yeungkong

THE old grandmothers at the mission have been wearing clothes that seemed to consist more of patches than of whole cloth. After listening to repeated pleadings, I finally softened my heart, closed my eyes, and decided to plunge into the necessary expense.

A new dress for each of the eleven cost altogether about eighteen local dollars-eight dollars American money. The very next mail brought a gift that just about covered this sum!

So the grandmothers are as delighted as little children; the pastor, too, is happier and none the poorer for his wild generosity.

Pingnam (Fr. Meyer)

T is interesting to note through what means converts over here become interested in the Church. Most frequently they are introduced by a Christian, who begins, "This is a relative of mine" (or, a neighbor, as the case may be); "he has come to the conclusion that the Catholic Church is good and wishes to join it." Others come without a sponsor, but inquiry generally reveals, not that they have been reading a book about the Church, but that they

THE GREAT ADVENTURE



Who is the most daring of men the aviator, the traveler in unknown regions, the soldier, the surgeon, the speculator in vast sums? Pioneers in all these fields have their heroic qualities, but there are men still more brave.

The apostle of Christ dares to leave family, friends, wealth, native land, and-most important of all-he dares to leave himself. The thrill of his romance does not fade with the years, nor is it wiped out by death.

Are you in search of great adventure? It may be waiting for you in pagan lands, along the Royal Road of the Cross.

have been in contact with Christians.

Formerly I had the responsibility of only one district and, because of the work of others who had gone before, Christians were fairly well scattered over it, to serve as nuclei for further growth. Though at times converts came from the outskirts of the district it was never a question of more than a day's journey from some already established station to reach them.

But in the Wuchow Mission there are nine districts. Pingnam alone has a nucleus of some three hundred Catholics. Through these there has lately been a steady stream of converts, about five hundred having been registered during the year. In the other eight districts, the farthest being more than one hundred miles from Pingnam, there was, until recently, absolutely nothing.

Shortly after the beginning of 1927, I sent a catechist into Jungyen, one of these untouched districts. The first reports were not reassuring. It was a rather unpropitious time for a stranger to appear preaching a "foreign religion". At first he was branded as a "running dog of the imperialistic foreigners"; then came the ousting of the Communists, whereupon Dame Rumor began to wonder if he was not somehow connected with the Russian propaganda,

Gradually, however, the hysteria began to subside; he has a certain knack for medicine and soon gained a name for charity. "Everything free and everybody welcome" was his motto. Within a few months he sent the splendid news that he had enrolled nearly one hundred catechumens.

During the summer vacation, three of them came to Pingnam to attend the short course conducted for catechists and teachers, and to see what a Catholic priest might look like. One of them had an interesting story to tell. His grandfather had moved up from Kwangtung years ago to engage in business, and had settled here with his family. Connections were kept, however, with the ancestral home, and it was known that a member of another branch of the family, long Catholic, had become a priest. When the man in Jungyen decided to embrace the Faith, he wrote to his distant cousin, Father Shi, and received an answer ex-



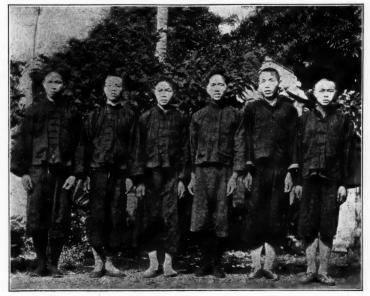
(Photo from Fr. O'Brien)
TWO OF FR. FORD'S
SENIOR STUDENTS
These young men are preparing
for the priesthood
pressing the priest's great pleasure to
learn that he was henceforth going to

worship the true God. How proud he was of that letter!

(Fr. Jones)

THE Christians, the neophytes, and the catechumens have all packed up and gone; the burned-out firecrackers have been gathered up, and all that is left of another quarter of our ecclesiastical year is your Easter greeting lying on my desk.

Is one ever allowed to admit sentimentalism? The last week has found me very much in fear of lonelinessnot the ordinary kind, for there were more people round about and under foot than we have seen altogether in the last two months; but when the little chapel was crowded, and the Christians gathered for prayers every time a new group arrived; when the chanting of prayers swelled into a clatter like nothing so much as a gigantic flock of geese at feeding, somehow I felt quite crowded out, as though I were a stranger in someone else's church. This started when the familiar air told me that they were singing the "Stabat Mater" and recurred until the last "Alleluia" faded away. Another year it may be different.



(Photo from Fr. Meyer)
SIX ASPIRANT CATECHISTS OF FR. MEYER'S MISSION
These youths are being prepared to serve the Church as catechists.
Probably none of them will go on for the priesthood

ADOPT A MARYKNOLLER

A little boy and a little girl who play in our back vard supply most of my amusement. The boy is the son of the head catechist; the girl, a daughter of one of the women teachers. Both claim the age of nine, though by our reckoning they can scarcely be more than six or seven. They are very serious, almost stolid, ordinarily. At first they were shy, but eventually they came around to watch the watering of the flowers, and soon the ice was broken. One day the lad had a pot with a posy in it; then they were planting and watering and pruning in our garden. Fr. Ruppert bought them a couple of rubber balls. and now occasionally they come up to our rooms for a game, or to look at "western pictures". After getting started, they are lively and amusing, and they give an opportunity to practice the language.

Kaying

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(Fr. Eckstein) N April 2 Fr. Ford took up his residence in a rented shop in the city. It is large enough to accommodate the usual Sunday crowd of Christians, so that hereafter the present mission will be for the seminarians exclusively. Fr. Ford tells us that many visitors come in every day, and not a few fallen-away Catholics are becoming interested. It will be better for the seminary to be more or less secluded. Hitherto it has been difficult to follow fully the regular seminary life. Fr. Ford promises to eat dinner with us on Thursdays and Sundays, and for this we are thankful. The shop is about a mile and a half from the present mission in a residential part of the city.

The seminary had several visitors from the various city schools on the occasion of the Spring Festival. The weather instruments of Fr. Downs excite the curiosity of everyone, and they will be satisfied with nothing less than to go to the roof and have a "look see".

We are embarrassed nearly every day by requests for help—all the way from the poor widow who wants to pay ten dollars interest on a mortgage, to the young man who wants to study in a European University. They all look upon us as rich uncles, due partly, I



BETWEEN PORCUPINES (Photo from Fr. Lane)
Fr. Sylvio Gilbert with two of his special charges

think, to the mis-directed zeal of our own Catholics who like to magnify us before the world.

MANCHURIA Fushun

(Fr. Lane)

WE are particularly pleased at Fushun because of the evident working of God's grace, not only on those who have been for some time careless about their religious duties, but also in the number of catechumens who have begun to study the doctrine.

We had an attendance of over four hundred for the feast at Fushun, with two hundred and thirty confessions. The feasts never fail to bring to light some edifying examples of strong faith. One old man who received Extreme Unction not so long ago, and who has passed four score, walked over forty li to receive the sacraments.

We had quite a task trying to accommodate all the Christians and at the same time to carry on the ceremonies of Solemn High Mass. Many had to remain outside, and we were obliged to turn away more than one hundred after the first Mass, much as they wished to remain. We are hoping, however, to have better accommodations for them before the end of the year.

We have been very much gratified lately by the interest shown by the Japanese. Last Sunday we had an attendance of fifteen adults at Mass, six of whom are catechumens, One of the Japanese received his First Holy Com-



ALL MARYKNOLLERS SAVE ONE (Photo from Fr. Lanc)
bert Bro. Joseph Fr. Sweeney Bro. William Fr. Geselbrecht
Fr. P'an Msgr. Byrne Fr. Lane Fr. Cleary

munion on Easter. We expect to have two more Baptisms at Pentecost. Father Gilbert is taking over the Japanese work, and it promises to become an important part of our activities at Fushun.

(Fr. Tibesar)

WHAT interested me most at Fushun was the very fine spirit of inquiry shown by Japanese in regard to the Catholic Church, An official of the High School told me he once called on Marquis Kuroda, a descendant of a very famous Catholic General who commanded the Japanese army in Korea three centuries ago. The Marquis displayed the seal of that Catholic ancestor bearing his Japanese and Christian names. The professor and his acquaintances are interested in the Catholic Church, but have heard that it is not what it used to be. He was gratified to learn that the Church is stronger than ever.

I think that, in a few years from now, many Japanese will again find their way into the Church. Contrary report notwithstanding, modernization has not reached to the heart of Japan and has not hurt it deeply. Close acquaintance with this strong, virile, highspirited people, shows anyone that it is unspoiled.

KOREA Gishu (Fr. Peloquin)

THE problem of giving instructions to catechumens here has been a serious one. We find it impossible to gather them all at any time for instructions; the struggle for a living is the first cause.

We baptized a woman at Easter who had learned the prayers and Catechism from her ten year old daughter, a pupil at our school, who had been baptized a year ago. The mother does not know how to read or write, but the little girl read and reread, recited and again recited, until the mother learned all her prayers and the Catechism by heart. We have often seen them come for confession: the little daughter reads the prayers for "before confession" while the mother listens very attentively, then they recite a few prayers, and each makes her examination of conscience and confession.

This incident suggested a plan which

FROM ALL PARTS

of the five Maryknoll mission fields in the Orient comes an urgent appeal for catechist funds. There are as yet few native priests in the Maryknoll Missions, and our American missioners find the services of native lay catechists indispensable. There have already been cases in their experience where hundreds of converts were won over by the zeal and labors of these native workers.

In the Maryknoll Missions of China, the monthly wage of a native catechist is fifteen dollars. In Korea, where living expenses are higher, the sum required is twenty dollars.

we think will work out well. If every adult baptized will instruct one catechumen, our little flock will be nearly doubled. We put the proposition to the Christians after Benediction, and there was a splendid response, especially from the women. The men and school boys have also volunteered, the school girls, too, but owing to the much greater number of women catechumens, we started with them today. The idea is this: one Christian takes one of the catechumens, encourages him or her, explains, listens to the recital of the lesson, sees that he or she comes to church Sundays and feasts, and so forth, until the person is ready for Baptism. The tutor will be the godparent of the one he or she instructs. The plan is splendid if they only persevere.

S.P.F. INCREASE

Occasionally, yet, we note a tendency to confuse the Propagation of the Faith Society with such institutes as our own. This is, of course, to be expected, especially from those Catholics who grasp the idea of missions for the first time.

The simple distinction is that Maryknoll trains priests for the missions while the Society for the Propagation of the Faith gathers funds to help sustain them once they are in the field.

Maryknoll and similar institutes must find the means to build and sustain their own training houses, colleges and seminaries, and they must meet the great share of other expenses—travel, missioners' sustenance, houses, dispensaries, salaries of catechists, professors, and so forth.

It is comforting to learn that the income of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith is increasing yearly. Each substantial increase means a few more dollars added yearly to the present slim allowance of missioners who are numbered by thousands over the face of the pagan world-but every dollar in mission work has its value. More than this, the increase reported indicates a development of the mission spirit which will produce not only financial results but vocations and a copious channel of prayers to sustain those whose life service is for souls.

THE NATIVE PRIESTHOOD

In the Maryknoll Mission of northeastern Kwangtung, among the Hakka Chinese, the Superior, Father Francis Xavier Ford, is stressing the all important work of training native priests.

"Any group of seminarians is a sacramental sight to the eyes of faith," he writes, "but, if they kneel before the Blessed Sacrament in a pagan land, they become heroic figures. They are facing the hosts of the Philistines as David did."

Benefactors in the United States are meeting the expense of training some of these future apostles, but Father Ford must still provide for twenty. Each of these native seminarians costs the Mission one hundred dollars a year.



TO MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



JOHN FOLEY
Captain of Fourth
Grade Boys, St.
John Evangelist
School, Schenectady, N. Y.



Last year this enterprising class enrolled one hundred per cent as Maryknoll Juniors. They use The FIELD AFAR with geography and reading lessons, and to deepend their Catholic training by a mission education.

THE LEAGUE CATECHISM

1. What is the Maryknoll Junior League?

It is simply a band of young people cooperating with the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

2. Who is eligible for membership in the League?

Any boy or girl in grammar school or high school,

3. What are the requirements for membership?

- (a) An interest in Foreign Missions.
 (b) A determination to help save souls in the ways outlined for Maryknoll Juniors.
- 4. How can I know these ways?

By reading the Junior section of THE FIELD AFAR.

5. What is a Junior's first duty? Prayer.

6. Name another obligation.

It is to learn more about foreign missions and to pass on that information.



ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATE

It measures nine by twelve inches and bears the seal of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

The Maryknoll Junior League

MOTTO: The Chi Rho—Christ in the World.

creed: I believe that Christ died to save ALL.

PLEDGE: I will be a Maryknoll Junior missioner.

Every class enrolled in the League will receive a group certificate of membership.



MARY O'CONNOR

Captain of Fourth
Grade Girls, St.
John Evangelist
School, Schenectady, N. Y.

There is a "Mission Corner" in their classroom, but it does not contain all their mission spirit, which overflows into many fine channels of activity for Maryknoll's work at home and in the mission field.

7. Has a Junior any other practice?

Yes, that of personal sacrifice. "True blue" Juniors deny themselves in small ways in order to help the missions financially. They also work for this end.

8. How can a Junior's mites be of any financial help?

Because "every little bit helps", and when each Junior does his bit, all the mites together become a mighty helpful sum.

9. To what mission needs have Juniors contributed in the past? To the Building Fund for Mary-

To the Building Fund for Mary-knoll's Seminary and Preparatory Colleges; to Burses for the education of missionary priests; to the needs of priests, Brothers and Sisters on the mission field; to building of mission chapels and schools; to support of catechists in China and Korea; to the ransom of pagan babies.

10. What does Father Chin hope for from the League this year?

Some rollicking TEAM WORK.

Maryknoll Junior League

Membership Form

(FOR CLASS)	(FOR INDIVIDUAL)	
NO. PUPILS	NAME	
NO. PUPILS	AGE	
SCHOOL	STREET	
CITYSTATE	CITY	
STATE	STATE	

FILL OUT AND RETURN TO FATHER CHIN, Maryknoll, N. Y.



TO MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



Dear JUNIORS:

Well, here we are all back together once more. I hope you have had a good vacation and are ready to begin work again with plenty of pep. We are going to make this a big year because we have much to do. Let's get started right away.

The main thing to pray for is more missioners. Urgent calls for priests, Brothers and Sisters are coming constantly from all the mission fields, but where is Maryknoll to get these recruits? We can help—we must pray for vocations and ask God to inspire many boys and girls to volunteer for His Foreign Legion.

A large group of Sisters sailed in August and more priests and Brothers are leaving this month, but there is need of many more to carry on the enormous task of converting the people of the East. Let's put our heart and soul into this need and make it a very special intention.

Juniors, a great opportunity lies before us in the development of our League. Are we going to seize It? You know that much can be accomplished when folks "get together" to do something; the something we aim at is so tremendously big, that no matter how many willing hands



FOR JUNIORS OF ST. CHARLES' SCHOOL, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

St. Charles', together with other Saints' schools in Bridgeport, had given us many fine things—willing hearts, helping hands, and sometimes hands full—when finally they sent an IDEA. They weanted a school banner—and now we want you to have one, too.

CHINESE boy, like all other boys we know, takes the same family name as his father. When he is about a month old, all the relatives come together for a celebration, and he is given another name. This is his "milk" name, and his brothers and sisters and relatives use it when they speak to him. When he is old enough to go to school, his teacher gives him a "book" name. This usually denotes some characteristic of the boy. For instance, one student received the name "Man-of-Penetration" because of his keen intellect. If the boy gets married, he takes a "style" name and later on he may acquire a number of these "style" names according to the different positions he holds. Thus a certain leader of a rebellion in China was named Cheng Tang. Cheng Tang means "Successfulin-Repelling-Injustice".

The family name always takes the first place. We say Charlie Burns and Willie Burns and Bobbie Burns and so on, but the Chinese would say Burns Charlie, Burns Willie, and Burns Bobbie. unite, the task is never light.

To help the foreign missions in a substantial way, we must be strong in numbers. Every new member in the Maryknoll Junior League is an added force. Every new group of members becomes an invaluable unit. It's up to you, Johnny Boy and Nancy Girl . . . Enroll today! The prize banner will be awarded on the tenth of each month to

The prize banner will be awarded on the tenth of each month to that class having the best record of mission activity during the preceding month. Size of class and age of pupils will be taken into consideration, together with all forms of co-operation—financial, literary, spiritual, etc. New memberships for the League will receive a big count during September. School orders for The Field Afar will also be credited. Appoint a secretary to make up your monthly report for League headquarters.

Just one more word—and that about The Field Afar. A Junior writes: "We used it in our classroom one month and wouldn't be without it ever again."

Yours for a banner year.

Father Chin



League Emblem

The Chi Rho (key-roe)

X and P are the Greek letters *Chi* and *Rho*, the first two letters of the world XPISTOS (pronounced *Christos*) which means Christ. The circle represents the world. The whole symbolizes our motto: "Christ in the World."

In BLUE for Girls— In RED for Boys Emblem 10c.



ST. MARY'S JUNIOR MISSIONERS, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Our missioners in arid fields have
been cheered by spiritual flowers
from this Southern garden

Present writing

This word means to open and is pronounced K'AL

Old writing of same character

The old writing displays better the meaning of the character. It shows two hands placed upon double doors, pushing them open.



ST. MARY'S JUNIOR MISSIONERS, BEAVERTON, ORE.

They may be sturdy in our eyes, but to their Chinese baby, they are fairy godmothers

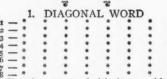
WIN THE BANNER



TO MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



BRAIN TEASERS



Here is a square of eight letters. After you have guessed them, draw a line from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner and if the words are correct the diagonal line will spell the Maryknoll Mission Center in China.

1. The Maryknoll Center in South hina. 2. The Capital of Hawaii, 3. The Central Province of the Canadian Dominion. 4. An important seaport in South China. 5. The Henry Hudson sailed up the Hudson River. 6. A town at the Cape of Good Hope. 7. A city in the coal region of Pennsylvania, 8. A native of Canada.

2. CODE PUZZLE
Decipher this message and you will find a reason why there are foreign missions.
"7-15-9-14-7 20-8-5-18-5-6-15-18-5 20-5-1-3-8 1-12-12 14-1-20-9-15-14-19"

3. HIDDEN NAME

I could not go to the pagan East And there save souls as a mission priest. But still I helped in my little way

For I used to work and give and pray.

Look at this verse carefully and in it
you will find the name of a saint, a patroness

Win the first Puzzle Prize this term. Contest closes September 30.

Answers to the May Puzzles

1. Korea, Byrne.

F A, yak, Japan, Panama, Hayasaka. 3.-

Mother of Mercy, day by day, My love of thee grows more and

more,

Thy gifts are strewn upon my way Like sands upon the great seashore.

Best List for May Puzzles: Joseph
McGinnis, Wellesley, Mass.

Honorable Mention: Helen Delaney,

Grace Forrester, Ethel Goess.



EIGHTH GRADERS ONCE STAUNCH JUNIORS YET Our Lady of Lourdes School, Ja-maica Plain, Mass. Here they eat up THE FIELD AFAR and like their diet



MARYKNOLL, MY MARYKNOLL!

(To be sung to the air of Maryland, My Maryland)

[The stanzas that follow are ones of the I he stanzas that follow are ones of the spiritual bouquets from the first retreat at Maryknoll. A student from the North composed them, but they have imbibed the air of the South, for Maryland had her representative at Maryknoll.]

To raise up sterling men for God, Maryknoll, my Maryknoll, Whose blood may stain the heathen sod, Maryknoll, fair Maryknoll-This is thy aim, thy sacred call, To bring Christ's name and grace to all. God speed thee on to save man's soul, O House of God, my Maryknoll!

O Mary, the Apostles' Queen, For Maryknoll, Thy Maryknoll, Throughout this country do Thou glean For Maryknoll, Thy Maryknoll, Vocations to the darkened East That needs the offering hand of Priest To bless it-'ere Death sounds its toll-From Maryknoll, Thy Maryknoll.

A Junior Gone to God

A short while ago, God called one of our Juniors, Edward Monahan, home to Heaven. Edward loved the missions and was an active member of the Maryknoll Junior League. We are sure he will be a missioner now even more than when on earth for he will be more eager than ever to have all men know the Heavenly Father who so loves them. Father Chin hopes that all Juniors will join him in offering a prayer for Edward's soul.

MAIL PLEASERS

· cgr 92 SAVE THE FRAGMENTS

We have been collecting and baling paper for the missions and we are very happy to send you this small donation. -Boys of St. John's School, Bellaire,

NO STRINGS HERE

Here is a check for five dollars saved by my sister Catherine and me. Use it for what you think needs it the most. —Agnes P. Duross, N. Y. C.

GOOD READING

We greatly appreciate the "Field Afar Stories" which you sent us and we are enjoying their many stories.— St. Peter's School, Worcester, Mass.

FOR A NATIVE CLERGY

We are enclosing our check for the ransom of two babies in Father Meyer's Province. One is to be named "Francis Denyse" and the other "William Louis". We hope that William Louis will be a future pastor of Kwangsi.-Seventh Grade, St. Mary's Academy, Alexandria, Va.

TO SPREAD THE CAUSE

A friend gave me a copy of The Field Afar. I have a few friends who might like to join the Maryknoll Juniors. Will you please send me some membership forms.—M. E. Abbott, Woodburn, Ore.

BURSE BUILDING

Someone said that the movies get the most mites. That may have been true in my case, but from now to June I am going to keep away from them to help build up a burse—J. J. Drew, Philadelphia, Penn.

BABIES AND GODPARENTS

We worked hard to save some little souls. Inclosed find a check for fifteen dollars for three Chinese babies .- Primary and Intermediate Grades, Mt. St. Maries Academy, St. Maries, Idaho.

The enclosed draft represents our sacrifice offerings for a little Chinese "James Patrick".—Pupils of St. Patrick's Asylum, Rochester, N. Y.

MAY PICTURE CONTEST WON



A PORT FOR PAGAN SOULS

Title submitted by Conchita Rexach, Sacred Heart School, Stella Niagara, N. Y.

Honorable Mention: Helen E. Delaney, Elizabeth Donahue, Mary Nagle, Theresa Kiehlmeier, William O'Connor, Jr., Helen Bennett, Agnes Hoyer, Mary Harcar, Grace Forrester.

PUZZLE FOR A PRIZE

SEPTEMBER, 1928

THE cause of Christ had a mighty force at its command in the ages of the Crusades. Wherever help was needed to further the interests of their Lord, these Knights of the Cross won the day.

History repeats itself, and today when Christ's word must be borne amidst great difficulties to pagan lands, bands of Crusaders appear. Those of us who scan the field from the watch towers are gratified to realize that in the United States alone there are more than one thousand Units of loval Knights ready to aid in spreading the Faith.

As a fortress from which Christ's soldiers go to the battleline, Maryknoll should have a special interest for every Unit, and, we hope, during the year, to be in touch with the members of

every Unit.

"The Story of Maryknoll" will make interesting reading at meetings; if your Unit has not received its copy, drop us a line. Let us know, too, if you would like bulletin board material, photos, mission notes, and so forth. If you want to be in touch with a Maryknoll missioner in the field, we can arrange that



Standard of our King and Commander, beneath Thy protecting arms, we fight this Holy War. Standard that has never been carried but to victory, we shall carry thee with strong hearts and willing hands wherever souls are to be conquered for the King. We pledge ourselves to fight for thee, to conquer for thee, to win the world for thee.

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'RUSADERS at St. Mary's Academy, Alexandria, Virginia, keep a place in their hearts for Maryknollers on the field, and we were not surprised to receive a generous Spiritual Bouquet from them during the past term to be forwarded to the superior of our "poorest and most neglected mission". Not an easy question

to decide—but we finally picked the Wuchow Mission and sent the rich spiritual gift to its pastor, Father Meyer. His letter, from which we quote below, will interest Crusaders:

Many thanks for the fine spiritual bouquet forwarded from the "Stampeders". You surely made no mistake when you assigned it to us as the "poorest" of Maryknoll's missions. We are commencing to feel proud of our title—like "Lady Poverty" of St. Francis of Assisi. We shall be grateful for any other spiritual interest you can arouse among the Crusaders in our behalf. We shall try to keep in touch with them through our occasional "Bamboo Leaves".

Father Meyer's greatest need is for catechists, those indispensable right-hand men of missioners, necessary in every corner of the field but especially so in Kwangsi where two million pagans must be reached.

The average salary of a catechist in the Wuchow mission is fifteen dollars a month. Will your Unit furnish Fr. Meyer with the services of a catechist for at least one month each year?

May America's Knights of the Cross help to win many souls to their Lord, and may He bless all Crusaders with zeal in His serv-



A UNIT SMILES ON OUR COMPOUND

These Crusaders motored over from Mt. Merici Academy, New Rochelle, for an outing at Maryknoll and received a pressing invitation to come again. A hearty welcome likewise awaits other neighboring Units

A Strange Contact

(A True Story-by Fr. McGinn)

WE learned rather to expect it. From the far-flung battle line of the Church they came, and, as we settled back in our chairs for the spiritual reading period, we anticipated an interesting tale or two of "queer contacts" from the bearded, resolute missioner looking down at us from the rostrum. Rarely were we disappointed.

That was in student days, those halcyon, peaceful years of seminary life. Now that we are at the front ourselves, we also have had "experience" with the bizarre, also have seen the powers of evils, and the abounding grace of God made manifest.

Here is such an occurrence less than a week old, a "contact" which involved us personally. We are quite ready to admit the possibility of a natural explanation but state in the same breath that we have no such solution. We give the simple facts: be your own jury and judge.

Darkness had fallen; the thump, thump of the watchman's drum sounded clear, as the missioner, eating his lone repast, considered in his mind the possibility of a bandit attack that night. His cogitations, founded upon legitimate fears, were rudely disturbed.

"Shan foo! shan foo!" A familiar voice and the twinkling of a lantern. Then again, heavier this time:

"Shan foo!"

"Yes, yes," we replied in haste. "What is it?"

The two Christians, a man and a woman, now appeared in the doorway. "What is it?" half-rising.

"There is a man sick, in convulsions, a pagan. They call for the shan foo."
"Where?"

"Down below. But eat first."

"No, no. Is it very serious?"

"Yes. They can do nothing with him. His teeth are clinched. He is dying."

"How long sick? How did it be-

"Since eating rice. Feet and hands

When there is keen joy in a boy's heart as he reads of the missions, it looks as if God wants that boy for His work in fields afar. are cold. He is struggling."

"All right, all right. I'll go down at once."

A few minutes later, armed with several bottles, we were hurrying through malodorus, stygian alleys.

"Mind the turn there. There! This is the house."



"A few minutes later we were hurrying through malodorous, stygian alleys."

We passed under the low mud-brick doorway and, as the shout went up, "The *shan foo* is here," we rapidly took in the scene.

It was admirably suited for as Eugene O'Neill play. A boxlike, win-

Our Society, incorporated under the laws of New York State, will accept gifts, large or small, in money, stocks, or bonds, agreeing to pay to the donor for life a reasonable income from the same.

You of comparatively small means, will by this arrangement probably obtain a better income than at present, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest. At the same time you will be furthering the cause of foreign missions. We invite correspondence on this subject and will gladly send further details.

dowless room lit by a flaring oil taper; crowded forms of the curious all about; the sick boy, sitting up, half naked, the object of all eyes. An old woman with dishevelled hair had him clasped tightly in her arms, while a man was trying to force some concoction down his throat, to which operation he objected vigorously.

Then, through the din, he heard shan foo, and waving the medicine aside he reached out his arms with a smile,

"Ah, shan foo. Good! Good!" His whole manner underwent a change. He became entirely tractable, laughed, attempted to embrace the cassocked figure.

"Now, now. What's wrong, boy? Yes, very happy to come. There! Give me your hand. Yes! Now the feet. All right. Lie down!"

He did so.

"Boil some water. Get some bottles. Bring a spoon and bowl. Put on his shaam (jacket) and cover him well. Good!"

"No fear, no fear. Have means."
This last to the old woman.

We busied ourselves preparing medicine, the hot water bottles, and so forth. Meanwhile, the young man began to speak, not Chinese, but a foreign tongue, a language he had never learned. The listeners were startled, and his voice, deadly earnest, sounded in the hush. The words came in a torrent, and queer feelings played over the auditors.

"He talks foreign language," whispered somebody. "How is that? He, eighteen years old, never heard foreign speech."

"What does he say, shan foo?" another asked.

We listened. It was a jargon of Spanish, mostly unintelligible, but with a Catholic doctrinal word out now and then unmistakably. Then he began in Chinese.

"Do not adore the idols, A Sham (Auntie). No! No! They are false. Adore God. Enter the true Church. Save your soul. Adore the true God. The idols are false. No use! No use!"

The Maryknoll bookshelf is an active ornament today in many classrooms throughout this country and its volumes are used.

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The pagans in the audience were astounded, no less so the Christians and their priest.

"Here, drink this."

"Yes, yes, shan foo. Good, good!" He drank the portion and then began again in Spanish; now in Chinese.

"Do not adore the idols. Adore the true God! You must become a Catholic. The Catholic Church is true, is true."

"That's right," said one of the Christians, and then recited the Creed, which the sick lad repeated.

There was another interruption to drink more medicine, the same happy welcome for the priest, the same injunctions to adore the true God. Then he began a kind of sermon in mixed Spanish and Chinese. When some of the listeners laughed, he upraided them.

"Do not laugh! I tell you the truth. Adore God, enter the Church."

And so on.

Meanwhile, the priest was rushing about, now filling bottles with hot water and placing them at the boy's feet, now preparing medicine, all the while observing the patient for signs of a change. Finally, the lad began to ejaculate prayers. Then he declared that he saw a t'in shan, an angel. In reply to questions, he described the angel as having wings. Now it was the Shing Mo he saw, the Holy Mother of God. She was very tall, very beautiful; she wore a long green colored dress. She was near; she bade him to tell them to adore the true God, not to adore the false spirits.

At length the priest spoke to the boy of God and Jesus Christ, and, addressing a last word to the pagans to remember what they had seen and heard, returned to the mission.

Next day the boy was up and about. He seemed to remember nothing of how he had acted and what he had said.

Has he entered the Church? Not yet! He had been reared in paganism and is surrounded by those practicing it. Of course the affair was the talk of the village; the general sentiment among the Christians is that he was possessed of a lying devil.

The gifts most helpful to Maryknoll are those which are stringless. They can be applied where the need is greatest. What is the answer to it all? Frankly, we do not know. We narrate here a condensed account of the event as it actually occurred on March 1, 1928, in the village of Chikkai, Kwangtung, China,

The boy concerned has Peruvian blood in his veins. His father, a pagan Chinese, went to Lima, Peru, where he married a native. He returned to China with the boy's grandmother (Peruvian and a Catholic); the mother had died in the child's infancy. The Catholic grandmother died when the lad was three years old, and the father died about the same time. The boy has been reared by pagan relatives of the father. He has never been farther than a few miles from Chikkai, is wholly unlettered, and has never had any contact with the Catholic Church.

OVERSEAS NOTES

L AOTZE taught China that humility, the trait of a really great man, like water, always seeks the lowest place.

A little lad over in Korea, writing of his troubles to one of our priests, says "the eye water is coming out". The generous offering of himself to God brings untold blessings on a boy's family.

Our priests and Sisters in Honolulu have the Far East at their doors. This can be realized by keeping in mind that in the Hawaiian Islands, one of which Honolulu adorns, there are more than 125,000 Japanese, 50,000 Filipinos, and 30,000 made up of Chinese and other Asiatics. There are only about 20,000 native Hawaiians—not all of whom play the ukulele.

The comparative lack in the mission field of religious houses devoted solely to prayer has given rise to a system of adoption through which the various missions are sponsored by contemplative houses.

Our Vicariate at Kongmoon is one of the number blessed with this form of cooperation. The Mission is adopted by the Baltimore Carmel. The Seminary, dedicated to Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, is sponsored by the Carmel of Oak Lane, Philadelphia.



SR. M. ADRIENNE OF MARYKNOLL WITH AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP
Several races are represented here

READ MARYKNOLL BOOKS

SR. M. BERNADETTE TAM

FESTIVITIES were at their height on Ordination Day. Fourteen young priests were enjoying to the full the spiritual exultation consequent upon their great gift from God. Relatives and friends beamed on them, although in some instances there were occasional heart pangs at the realization that within a few months their loved one would be leaving home and country for his Father's business.

The Superior had finished his tasks for the day when the phone bell rang and he caught the ominous word, "cable". Slowly he registered the code which, deciphered, told the simple story: Sister Mary Bernadette died of embolism Sunday night at Hong

Her face came back to him—the bright little Chinese girl, who some years before, had visited Maryknoll, fallen in love with it at first sight, and begged admittance as a postulant.

There had been delays, of course, but finally all difficulties had been smoothed out, and the Maryknoll Sisters had welcomed into their community the first American-Chinese girl to enter the religious life.

American? Yes. Bernadette Tam was born in Honolulu, an American possession. She crossed the Pacific as a young girl, found a clerical position in Brooklyn, and fortunately met some fine Catholic young women whose love for Christ and His Blessed Mother communicated itself by God's grace to her soul.

That was seven years ago. A postulancy of six months followed her entrance, and she was radiant when, on the day of her clothing, she received the name of the privileged child of Lourdes.

Two years of novitiate followed and then, as a professed Sister, she was assigned to a mission in that section of China from which her father's family had come.

She knew English better than



SR. MARY BERNADETTE

she did Chinese, so well, in fact, that to hear her speak and not see her features would have deceived anyone. At Hong Kong she set herself to the task of learning the language she had lisped in childhood, and when, after some months, she reached her mission field at Loting, she had recovered lost ground.

The Loting Christians were overjoyed to find one of their own among the Americans—overjoyed and proud; and it was a day of sadness for all when Sister Bernadette and the other members of that little community had to obey the voice of authority and leave their little charges to the priests and lay helpers. Those were troubled days at Loting and the interior was no place for the foreign women.

And now Sister Bernadette has gone to God; and dear Father McShane who guided her first efforts in this mission has gone to God; and Father Price who loved to be called "Father Bernadette" has gone to God; and we who are left to carry on like to feel that all three, together with Sister Gertrude whose body lies in Yeungkong, and Father Hodgins whose remains are in Hong Kong, and eight other Maryknollers—priests, Brothers and Sisters—who are buried in the homeland are inter-

ceding for this young Society to which they gave their lives.

Pray for the soul of Sister Bernadette and for the souls of all missioners.

A WORD ON CHAPELS

WE of Maryknoll, as children of Providence, have no reason to complain that our fellow-Catholics in the United States have failed us.

On the contrary, they have stood by us through a building period of sixteen years, and, if it were not that we give them credit for a supernatural motive, we would feel abjectly in their debt.

Where, then, can we find a

It is just that at times we get an unbalanced diet that affects the body of our Society here or there. There is, for example, a mission we are thinking of just now that from many angles is one of the hardest in China. The spiritual soil is quite barren. It will be several years before more than a few chapels will be needed.

In the meantime, however, other buildings—living quarters for priests, cook, catechists and school masters, and schools, and so forth—must be provided; and, most important of all, catechists must be engaged to plow this hard ground.

If chapel benefactors could be made to understand that other needs are more pressing, Catholic missions would be helped considerably and the priests in charge would be relieved of much worry.

Recorded in the archives of Maryknoll are the names of its FOUNDERS — all individuals, dioceses, or organizations, that have given at least five thousand dollars to sustain and develop the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

Listed as SPECIAL BENE-FACTORS are those who, for the same purpose, have subscribed one thousand dollars.

Fr. Kiernan's Impressions of the Kongmoon Seminary

RE-READING an old copy of The Field Afar, we came across a short story about a mission seminary, its director, and an alumnus raised to the episcopate. The story struck deeper into our consciousness when read over here, and it suggested the following impressions of Maryknoll's first mission seminary in China.

To a newcomer, nearly all the conditions under which this little seminary is being run are quite heroic. It was built during the troublesome times of last year when everything foreign was taboo, and it was built mostly on faith as funds were extremely short. At times it looked as if it would have to be abandoned, but the work kept on. Funds did fail, and the size of the building was reduced fifteen feet. This leaves it unbalanced, with a somewhat cut-off appearance, but it is better than nothing. The extra fifteen feet would now give several additional rooms which are badly needed.

Its style is somewhat Oriental, and the Apostolic Delegate was much pleased with this attempt to combine the utility of Western construction with Chinese architecture. The material is native grey brick trimmed with red brick. The roof, native black tile, is surmounted by an Oriental ridgeboard which turns up at the ends in graceful

Besides teaching and directing, the Director cultivates an extensive vegetable garden for his exercise; and, as a hobby, he is compiling a Chinese-English dictionary on which he is well advanced. He has the conferences, spiritual reading, and all other spiritual exercises which make up a schedule for his thirty boys very similar to that of an American seminary. One may think that only three hours teaching a day is not much, but keep in mind that the medium is the Chinese language, and that hours must be spent in preparation for each class.

The Director's motto seems to be, "Have nothing the students do not have." He takes his breakfast and supper with them, each meal consisting merely of rice, a bit of vegetable or fruit, and the inevitable cup of tea. He is required to take dinner with his confreres at "the other house".

The seminary is unheated and is lighted at night with oil lamps. No rugs or carpets cover its one thickness of pine flooring. The walls have never been plastered; the wood trim is of the most economical kind; the equipment, for the most part, has seen better days. The altar and benches in the chapel—products of a skillful Maryknoll Brother—are redeeming features. The refectory is most plain; native stools and linen-less tables are crowded closely together.

And yet these thirty-odd boys are happy and healthy. In their own homes

YOUR WILL

A man's will is a final testimony of his life. Is yours representative of your Faith as a Catholic? If so, it will include the name of some mission organization having as its object the extension of the Reign of Christ. Wills are proving one of the steadiest sources of income for the furtherance of Maryknoll activities. Our legal title is Catholic Foreign Mission Society

atholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Incorporated

The legal title for the Maryknoll Sisters, who form a separate corporation, is Foreign Mission Sisters of Saint Dominic, Incorporated

they knew no better, probably much worse. They study well and loud. Everything is repeated at a high pitch, so that it would not be difficult to discover one shirking his study. They look intelligent, and reports of their progress are encouraging. I have seen some of their Latin compositions, and many of them were excellent.

Their recreation consists in soccer, handball, setting-up exercises (which are not too popular), tag, and the cultivation of vegetable gardens. Nearly every one of the thirty has a little patch which he waters and weeds daily. They dug a few wells for their water, and from them they get a good supply



WITHIN THE CATHOLIC MISSION COMPOUND AT LOTING (Photo from Fr. Kennelly, Here are little children whom the late Father McShane took in as waifs. Note also the interesting circular entrance

which seeps in from the river, not one hundred feet away. They play in their bare feet, and one marvels how they can kick the soccer football without breaking their toes. This is their most popular game, and many English expressions have been adopted into it, such as "outside", and so forth.

A few of them take delight in nourishing plants and flowers, while others have constructed some shrines for use in special seasons.

Every Sunday and on greater feasts they have a Missa Cantata. Though Western music is strange to Orientals, these lads do as well as some seminarians we have heard, who are years their semior and have better facilities for training.

The lads wash their own refectory dishes and do their own laundry. One of us would freeze in what keeps them warm. They are stoics as regards the cold, although they are glad to get any cast-off clothing from America. From my window I can see them now in all kinds of misfits. One little chap is sporting a vest big enough for a man four times his size. Another has the vest of an old-time "dress suit", while his companion has the coat, its tails flying in the breeze. Old overcoats are especially prized, for in the winter months it is very cold down here in the torrid zone. Some have jackets which once probably adorned an American parish band or cadet corp. They are fond of the brass buttons and yellow braid.

What does the future hold in store for these care-free lads? If they persevere, the crown of the priesthood will eventually be theirs. When they return to work among their people, they will fare but little better, if at all, than their poor fellow countrymen. They will have to depend on a pittance. No comforts will welcome them; but their successors, generations hence, will reap the harvest of their labors and sacrifices in a numerous and stable Catholic people, with a few of the blessings of the material order promised by the Great Missioner to those who leave home and kindred for the sake of the Gospel.

THE FIELD AFAR stays at one dollar a year,

Some Circle Notes

(Knoll chats will complete these notes)

I should like to do my part to help spread the Faith to pagan lands, and would join a Circle if there were one in my vicinity. What can I do?

Many people, like the writer just quoted, feel an urge to join in the mission work of the Church. Do you? If so we advise you, as we do them, to join the Maryknoll Center Circle. You may correspond directly with the Circle Director, who will keep you in touch with our missioners and their needs, and may even have another member in your neighborhood with whom she can put you in touch so that you may work together for God and souls.

If well tagged bags are an aid to travel, our departments are due to have a successful trip to their fields afar. Encouraging responses to our Tag-a-Bag letter came from all corners of Circleland; as usual, the loyal Circlers did more than we expected. We are grateful, and the new missioners are especially so!

I will not be a saint by halves. The Little Flower's words are familiar to all who know her life. She did nothing by halves—and her Maryknoll Circle in Milwaukee follows her example. The members surprised our Milwaukee Maryknoller on his ordination day by a gift of one thousand dollars with but one string attached. The offering was for Maryknoll's

work with the request that if the young priest should be assigned to the missions this fruit of their sacrifices would be used to pay for his passage and equipment. Our deep gratitude to the Little Flower Circle, and our prayers for these loyal helpers.

All missioners agree on one point—that a good catechist is an invaluable as well as an indispensable help to the spread of the Faith. A circle which supports a catechist has chosen one of the most effective ways of backing an apostle. The Maryknoll Circle of Ithaca realizes this, and the members are most faithful to their Korean catechist.

The Veramoors of Brooklyn help us meet many a need. They are active Circlers and specialize in stringless gifts.

One of our Hakka (China) missioners, recently given a new field, found himself "high and dry," unable even to reserve the Blessed Sacrament because of the extreme poverty of the mission chapel. He turned to the Circle Corner of the Knoll with a plea for adoption.

If you could only find a Circle that would like to adopt me! What a help it would be, and what good the members could do for this mission!

If you would like to work for souls in Hakka-land, ask the Circle Director for the name and address of this missioner.



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If this duck can rake in more than weeds, his big bill will shrink and this will mean a happying ending to many troubles.

Travel costs for outgoing missioners will mount high this year, but so far, friends have not failed us in our plan to get them to their assigned fields. We welcome the mite and the much.

We ran up to four thousand new subscribers last month. We do not expect to keep them all but we are certain that some will like us too well to leave us. Fifty States came in to our stacks and nine foreign countries.

An annuitant, who deposited with Maryknoll several thousand dollars some ten years ago, writes:

"Your system must be excellent. My interest comes with perfect regularity every six months. There must be hun-dreds of others who, like myself, would be made to feel secure about a needed income and happy in the thought, as I am, that when I pass on, the money that I destined to Maryknoll will not be scattered to the winds in litigations."

Since our last issue the amount of fifteen thousand dollars was received in the form of annuities, and placed at interest to be paid to our benefactors during their lifetime.

Among the stringless gifts was one of two thousand dollars.

Gifts for the missions and for the support of missioners ranged from one dollar up-the highest being \$500, the next highest \$200. We hope to record an increase in mission gifts in view of the enlarged personnel now so soon to be in the field.

Unusual and very welcome was the generous offering of six thousand dollars for one of the Seminary classrooms. This room will be a memorial rooms. This room will be a to Mr. Francis A. MacNutt.

NEW PERPETUAL MEMBERS

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